

# The Devil to pay at *Kensington*;

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## The Mifers Ghost hovering over his Pelf.

Being a full and true Account of a strange Apparition, that appeared at Sir Thomas C--y's Houle in *Kensington*, who lately dyed without a Will, and left Two Hundred Thoutand Pounds to be Scrambled for.

**I**t is possible for departed Sou's to have any knowledge of the Affairs of this World, or to suffer any Concern for Relations or Friends, or to be under any Uneasiness about the Distribution of their Estates or Effects; which the following Account, may find Credit, evn with the Strongest Septick; For surely no Person had ever greater reason to leave the Mansions of the Dead, and visit these Realms of the Living. Man the late Sir, Thomas C--y: Who being prejudic'd and prepos'd agalust making a Will, or Selling his vast Fortune so as to prevent all future Disputes, dyed without having sufficient time to recollect himself or naming his Heir; This has caus'd no small Stir among his Relations, as well as noise throughout the Nation; Those who can prove any Cindred to the Deceased, lay claim to a Motely of his Estate; And as the relations are humerous, there is the most Epact cure, and nice Order to do Justice to all.

When after a long Search, no Will, or Deed disposing of his Estate could be found, the Nearest Relations apply'd to the Commons for Letters of Administration; Whereupon the Commons appointed a Commission, Impowering Twelve persons, to inspect into all the VVritings, and Exact Inventory, of all his Estate and Effects; while they were going through this work one Night happen'd a very odd and uncommon Accident.

After the Commissioners had finish'd the proper affairs of the pay, they according to Custom, Sealed up the Papers, and locked the Doors, and clapp'd several Seals on the Doors, and then deliver'd up the Keys to a worthy Gentleman of known Honour and Integrity in *Kensington*; But notwithstanding this care, to the great Surprize and astonishment of the Commissioners, a great noise was heard in one of those Rooms they had so cautiously Sealed and lock'd up. Nay they saw a light in the Room, thro' a Key hole; the Commissioners resolving to have more Evidence of this Fact, than themselves; call'd up some of the servants, who also clearly saw the Light, thro' the Key hole; Whereupon the Commissioners sent for the Keys, and opened the Doors and went into these Rooms, where they heard the Noise and saw the Light, but found every thing safe as they left it and nothing disorder'd, the VVindows being shut and Fastned.

This is the Account; and there is no reason not to credit the Truth of it, Since its report ed and affirmed by Men of such Reputation and worth, and by Men who have no View or Interest, in raising or reporting such a Story.

This Account therefore puzzles People and makes them really believe the Haule to be haunted; and that Sir Thomas C--y comes there to guard his (late) Pelf, or to give an Account of some Moneys hid, or Stole, or to discover VVill; or to Settle his Effects to his nearest relations; be it which way it will; it ought to instruct us, always to make a fair and honest Distribution of our Estate, in our life time, to prevent all disputes after our Death.

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